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1. Between 30 April and 4 May 1955, no air activity was observed at Oranienburg airfield. Between 0930 and 1400 on 5 May, Il-28s practiced individual flying. In addition to 2 aircraft being aloft, 35 Il-28s or U-Il-28s were parked in various dispersal areas at the field. 25X1

2. On 5 May, a van-like truck with a mast about 12 meters high and a radio truck with rod antenna were parked about 50 meters north and 50 meters east of the northern end of the runway. ² 25X1

3. Between 2200 and 0130 on 5/6 May, 2 aircraft flying behind each other circled in the area of Oranienburg at an altitude of 600 to 700 meters. According to the noise, 4 aircraft were aloft that were not jets. Two searchlights presumably located in the area of Annahof or Wilhelminenhof directed their beams toward the approaching aircraft. No practice AAA firing was heard. ¹ At 0845 on 9 May, two details of 24 men each wearing silver-bordered light-blue epauletts and led by 3 air force officers marched from the direction of the Weisse Stadt to the memorial in Oranienburg for a wreath placing ceremony. ³ 25X1

4. The following air activity was observed at the field between 9 and 17 May:

9 May. Between 0930 and 1100, 4 biplanes each with a two-men crew made local flights of about 15 minutes duration. There was no air activity by Il-28s. 25X1

10 May. There was air activity by Il-28s.

11 May. Il-28s made local flights. Between 0900 and 1000, 10 take-offs were seen.

12, 16 and 17 May. During the morning, Il-28s made individual flights and flights in formations of three. 25X1

On 12 May, 11 railroad tank cars were seen on the spur track of the field.

5. During the daytime on 11, 12 and 21 May and at night on 12, 18 and 19 May. 25X1

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there was air activity by Il-28s or U-Il-28s. Local flights, formation flights and flights with air sleeves were made.

6. The following air activity and aircraft were observed between 7 and 24 May:

10 May. Between 0650 and 2230, about 6 Il-28s made individual flights.

11 May. Between 0845 and 1330, 8 Il-28s [redacted] made individual flights. Between 2145 and 2330, one Il-28 made several 20-minute flights.

16 May. Il-28s [redacted] made individual flights of about 20 minutes duration.

17 May. Four U-Il-28s [redacted] circled the field widely. Between 2030 and 0100, there was night flying by 4 Il-28s.

19 May. Between 2000 to 0300, there was night flying. The crew of all aircraft consisted of 4 men.

21 May. A total of 31 Il-28s or U-Il-28s were parked along the taxiways toward the north.

24 May. At about 1200, one Li-2 landed. ¹

7. [redacted] on 12 May about 300 air force personnel and 3 large tank trucks were detached to an airfield at the Elbe River for the period of about 30 days. ³

8. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 5 and 31 May. Possibilities of observation were limited. There was air activity by Il-28s on 5, 10, 16, 17 and 28 May, and by 1 Po-2 and 1 Yak-14 on 18 May. On 20 May, the landing of 1 Li-2 was observed. On 5, 6, 7, and 10 May, a total of 40 to 45 Il-28s or U-Il-28s and 2 Li-2s were parked at the field including about 25 Il-28s at the eastern edge of the taxiway which extended from the hangar to the runway; 1 Il-28 north of the hangar; about 13 Il-28s along the northwest-southeast taxiway; and 2 Il-28s east of Wilhelminenhof. On 12 and 14 May, 42 Il-28s or U-Il-28s and 2 Li-2s were parked at the field. During air activity on 16 May, [redacted] were seen on Il-28s [redacted] on a U-Il-28. On 17 May, about 20 Il-28s or U-Il-28s were parked on both sides of the taxiway leading from the hangar to the runway; 1 Il-28 was parked north of the hangar; and several Il-28s or U-Il-28s were parked without noticeably order along the northwest-southeast taxiway. On 18, 20, 23, 24, 26, and 27 May, aircraft were parked in a similar way at the field. At about 0900 on 28 May, Il-28s fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks made individual flights. On 31 May, the take-off of 1 Po-2 and 1 Yak-14 were seen. About 45 Il-28s or U-Il-28s were parked at the field. ¹

9. On 7 May, the motor vehicles previously parked at the intersection of Breitscheid and Thaelmann Strasse were no longer seen. Trucks and tank trucks were now seen near object 35. On 8 May, a celebration was held at the Soviet memorial on occasion of the day of liberation. One officer and 30 EM of the air force attended the celebration. No army personnel were seen.

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11. Two radio trucks or radio shacks were seen in a depression about 400 meters southeast of the hangar, west of Oranienburg Kanal. Two identical sets were seen south from there. A sketch of the latter sets was made. A Kniferest-type radar set which rotated clockwise at a rate of about 20 seconds per rotation was located near the sets. ²

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12. Almost daily from mid-May to 22 May, there was individual flying by Il-28s or U-Il-28s. A total of about 36 Il-28s or U-Il-28s were parked at the taxiways in the northern section of the field. Several aircraft appeared to be marked by a beige horizontal stripe, about 39 cm wide, on the upper edge of their rudder assemblies. ¹

1. Comment. Oranienburg airfield is believed to be occupied by a bomber regiment, one bomber division, and a reconnaissance regiment which are equipped with [REDACTED] time. In addition to the Il-28s and [REDACTED] are stationed at the field.

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2. Comment. Radio trucks had previously been reported of various locations. The radar installation west of Oranienburg Kanal is reported for the first time. For sketch of one of the identical sets, see Annex.

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3. Comment. There are no indications to which place the detail was detached.

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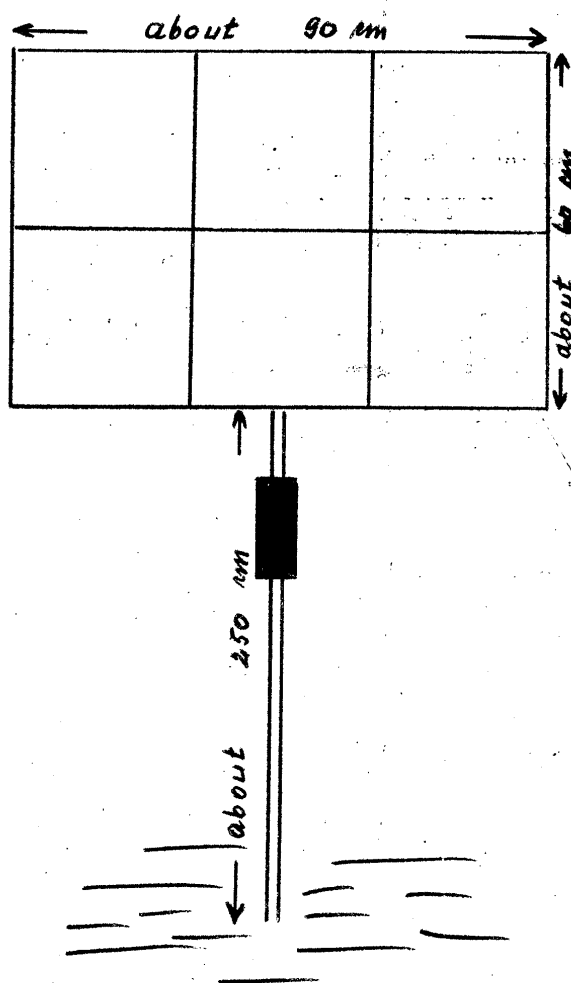
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Set Observed at Oranienburg Airfield



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